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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.53 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

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This information was cited in a European Search Report dated November 27, 2003, and it is hereby certified that this disclosure is being made within three months of that date.

European Patent Application EP 0849896 A, Gfeller, et al., relates to a wireless data communication system for computer networks using IR optical signals and photodiodes to communicate.

"Design of 250 Mb/s 10-Channel CMOS Optical Receiver
Array for Computer Communication" Kwangoh Kim et al., relates
to a system for high-speed data transmission using parallel
optical interconnections along a local area network or
parallel optical bus system.

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